

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:15 p.m. at the Washington Hilton. In his remarks, he referred to Donald M. Fraser, Mayor of Minneapolis, MN, and president of the National League of Cities; Regina Montoya, Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs; and Loretta Avent, Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With the Congressional Black Caucus

March 8, 1993

Spending Cuts

Q. Mr. President, do you agree with the extra \$50 billion in cuts that the House and Senate leaders want?

The President. I agree that we will have a budget resolution which will be roughly conforming to the reestimates of the CBO in general terms. And that will still contain the investment strategy that I wanted to do.

NOTE: The exchange began at 5:11 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Announcement of Nomination for Eight Sub-Cabinet Posts

March 8, 1993

The President continued the process of filling the sub-Cabinet today, expressing his intent to nominate eight senior officials at the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development and at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. Named today were:

Michael Stegman, Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Everett Ehrlich, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce

Eugene Moos, Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, Department of Agriculture

Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

Wardell Townsend, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Agriculture

Francis Vacca, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, Department of Agriculture

Victor Marrero, U.S. Representative to the Economic and Security Council, United Nations

Karl F. (Rick) Indefurth, U.S. Alternative for Special Political Affairs, United Nations

"The people I am asking to serve in my administration today combine academic achievement with real world experience," said the President. "I am particularly pleased to be naming two family farmers to help run the Department of Agriculture."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were attached to the press release.

Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With the Senate Budget Committee

March 9, 1993

Q. Mr. President, are you going for non-military domestic spending cuts across the board?

The President. Well, first of all, let me say I think both the Senate and the House committees deserve a lot of credit. They've come forward with further spending reductions consistent with what the CBO group calculations would indicate. They are consistent with the direction of my plan to reduce the deficit and increase investment. And I think that eventually all the committees will get together, and the two bodies will get together, and we will work out a budget that the American people can be proud of that does the things that we're all trying to do. I'm encouraged by it.

Q. So you are going to accept the across-the-board cuts?